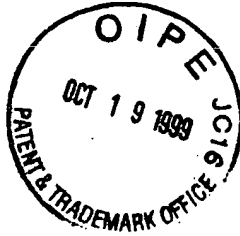


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

**Please cancel Claims 1-88.**

**Please add the following new Claims:**

89. An isolated, purified or recombinant polynucleotide comprising a contiguous span of at least 12 nucleotides of SEQ ID No 1 or the complementary sequence thereof, wherein said contiguous span comprises one of the following:

a) at least 1 of the following nucleotide positions of SEQ ID No 1: 1-70715, 70795-82207, 82297-83612, 83824-85297, 85418-86388, 86446-87495, 87523-88294, 88384-89483, 89650-92748, 97156-98309, 98476-99329, 99491-100026, 100212-100281, 100396-100538, 100682-100833, 100995-101920, 102087-102970, 103264-103724, and 103753-106746;